

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Crump et al.)
) Examiner: UNKNOWN
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Serial No.: 09/716,486)
) Art Unit: UNKNOWN
Filed: November 20, 2000)
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For: Respiratory Suction Catheter)
Apparatus with Improved Valve and)
Collar)

CORRECTED PRIORITY CLAIM

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby make a new priority claim for the above-captioned application from commonly owned application number 09/157,605. In the claim for priority in the above-captioned application made at the time of filing, Applicants mistakenly claimed priority to application number 09/156,297 and listed the application number of 09/156,297 on page 1 and page 2 of the preliminary amendment. An amendment to the specification is being submitted to correct the specification.

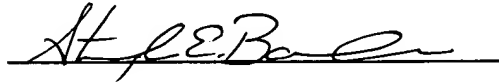
The Power of Attorney, the Certificate under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b), and the Assignment that were filed with the above-captioned application included the correct priority application number of 09/157,605.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or

require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen E. Bondura", is written over a horizontal line.

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